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Schoolchildren play on melting ice on April 18 in the climate change-affected Yupik Inuit village of Napakiak on the Yukon Delta in Alaska. (Mark Ralston/AFP/Getty Images)

A Native American tribe has just banned the South Dakota governor from accessing 3,500 sq miles of the state

The Oglala Sioux tribe in South Dakota has told the state's governor that she's no longer welcome to access the Pine Ridge Reservation, one of the largest in the country, because she signed off on bills that allegedly target Keystone XL pipeline protesters.

Read in CNN Politics: <https://apple.news/AuDvGQsJpSEqTeugklmqxjQ>

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**Oglala Sioux Tribe tells the South Dakota governor she is 'not welcome' on their reservation**

It's the latest escalation in a years-long feud over the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Read in The Washington Post: [https://apple.news/Aa\\_7Vs0pFRdCjT239OpwQpg](https://apple.news/Aa_7Vs0pFRdCjT239OpwQpg)

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**['Our last truly wild place': New documentary takes you on a trip to the Texas border](#)**  
NAVEENA SADASIVAM

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**After Nevada's outrage over plutonium shipment, Energy Dept offers olive branch**

The move out of Nevada will begin in 2021 and last until 2026.

Read in Ars Technica: <https://apple.news/AemN2HwPnT2-FYPTWKIn8Zg>



**Google Doodle Honors Eddie Aikau**  
(Saturday, May 4 Home Page)  
<https://www.surfertoday.com/surfing/the-surfing-life-story-of-eddie-aikau>

[Google doodle to be unveiled on Saturday will honor surf legend Eddie Aikau](#)  
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[Eddie Aikau Foundation](http://www.eddieaikaufoundation.org/eddie.htm)  
[www.eddieaikaufoundation.org/eddie.htm](http://www.eddieaikaufoundation.org/eddie.htm)

Edward Ryon Makuahanai "Eddie" Aikau

(May 4, 1946 – March 17, 1978) is one of the most respected names in surfing. He was the first lifeguard at Waimea ...

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**Prompts** (for High School Teachers Who Write Poetry)  
[Dante Di Stefano](#)

Write about walking into the building as a new teacher. Write yourself hopeful. Write a row of empty desks. Write the face of a student you've almost forgotten; he's worn a Derek Jeter jersey all year. Do not conjecture about the adults he goes home to, or the place he calls home. Write about how he came to you for help each October morning his sophomore year. Write about teaching *Othello* to him; write *Wherein of antres vast and deserts idle, rough quarries, rocks and hills whose heads touch heaven.* Write about reading his obituary five years after he graduated. Write a poem containing the words "common" "core," "differentiate," and "overdose." Write the names of the ones you will never forget: "Jenna," "Tiberious," "Heaven," "Megan," "Tanya," "Kingsley," "Ashley," "David." Write Mari with "Nobody's Baby" tattooed in cursive on her neck, spitting sixteen bars

in the backrow, as little white Mike beatboxed  
“Candy Shop” and the whole class exploded.  
Write about Zuly and Nely, sisters  
from Guatemala, upon whom a thousand  
strange new English words rained down on like hail  
each period, and who wrote the story  
of their long journey on *la bestia*  
through Mexico, for you, in handwriting  
made heavy by the *aquí*s and *ayer*s  
ached in their knuckles, hidden by their smiles.  
Write an ode to loose-leaf. Write elegies  
on the nub nose of a pink eraser.  
Carve your devotion from a no. 2  
pencil. Write the uncounted hours you spent  
fretting about the ones who cursed you out  
for keeping order, who slammed classroom doors,  
who screamed “you are not my father,” whose pain  
unraveled and broke you, whose pain you knew.  
Write how all this added up to a life.

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## Deadlines

**American Indian Graduate Center** - High school, undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

For more information check the

[website](#).

**Paid Summer Employment for City of Phoenix Youth ages 16-24.** Must be able to work the  
entire length of internship, June 11-July 13. For more information call Ronnie at (602) 495-5630  
or email [them](#).

**May 8 Deadline** - Perry Initiative will be held in Tucson for Native American high school females  
interested in orthopedic surgery and medicine. Lodging assistance available. For more  
information contact Tashina via [email](#).

**May 10 Deadline** - FREE, three day course for Arizona K-12 educators, Standards based tools  
and resources to teach American Indian history, culture, and art. Must be 18 years of age to  
apply. Workshop held at Heard Museum, June 24-26. For more information click [here](#).

**May 10 Deadline** - Aviation Career Education Academy. June 3-8. Held at Papago Army  
National Guard Training Site in Phoenix. For youth 13-17. For information about application  
process call Larry at (602) 321-4174.

**May 17 Deadline** - Department of Justice Office of Justice Program's National Institute of Justice - Travel scholarships for Native American and Alaska Native students who are interested in STEM or the social and behavioral sciences and how those fields support criminal justice and public safety. For more information click [here](#).



**May 31 Deadline** - Bridge to Success Residential Summer Program for incoming freshman. Held at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For information [click here](#).

**May 31 Deadline** - River Pathways Summer Paid Internship Opportunity. Audubon Arizona seeks interns 16 and over to work in Phoenix 10-20 hours per week. For information call Steven at (602) 468-6470 x 122.

**May 31 Deadline** - JEM Summer Leadership Academy for youth. Session is June 10-June 21. City of Phoenix. For more information click [here](#).

**June 30 Deadline** - Native Education Alliance invites applications for Educators for Equity Grant Program. For educators, teachers, principals and education specialists. For more information click [here](#).

*Fiery-throated hummingbird*

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[New EPA document tells communities to brace for climate change impacts](#) (WaPo, \$)

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[Climate change has contributed to droughts since 1900—and may get worse](#) By Lisa W. Foderaro, National Geographic, 5/1/19

Using studies of tree rings going back centuries, scientists have unearthed clear evidence that the rise of human-generated greenhouse gases was having an effect on global drought conditions as early as 1900. A new, first-of-its-kind study by scientists at Columbia University's Earth Institute, published Wednesday in the journal Nature, largely confirms what climate models have shown. In the absence of strong historic data on precipitation, those computer models forecast not only future scenarios, but shed light on historical trends.

NATIVE HEALTH w/ Great Partnerships

We would also like to take a minute and thank Desert Diamond Casino and their employees for a huge, generous donation of children's books. These books are placed in NATIVE HEALTH's Little Free Libraries at all locations. NATIVE HEALTH and the community appreciate all of these books that will help improve children's literacy!

NATIVE HEALTH is excited to announce a partnership for a paid internship with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. This internship is for Native American students enrolled in an Arizona college who are interested in a career in public health. The internship will focus on researching housing resources and compiling a Phoenix affordable housing and shelter resource directory. For more information on this exciting program please contact [Susan](#).



More good news! NATIVE HEALTH's Medical Legal Partnership (MLP) with Community Legal Services is now expanded. There is now a full-time MLP Coordinator on site at NATIVE HEALTH locations providing free legal assistance to qualifying NATIVE HEALTH patients and clients. Funding for this position is made possible through AmeriCorps in conjunction with Community Legal Services. We are extremely pleased to have AmeriCorps Fellow, Ben Zinke, J.D. on site. We look forward to this partnership in serving the legal needs of the NATIVE HEALTH community and address their social determinants of health. Thank you Community Legal Services for your continued commitment.

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National Women's Health Week is a week-long health observance, beginning Mother's Day, May 12, 2019, coordinated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services', Office on Women's Health. The goal is to empower women to make their health a priority. National Women's Health Week also serves as a time to understand what it means to be well. What does it mean to be a well woman? It's a state of mind. It's being as healthy as you can be. And, most importantly, it's about taking steps to improve your physical and mental health. \*Visit a health care professional and receive regular checkups and preventive screenings; \*Get active; \*Eat healthy; \*Pay attention to mental health, including getting enough sleep and managing stress; \*Avoid unhealthy behaviors, such as smoking, not wearing seat belts or bicycle helmets, and texting while driving.

[The Womenshealth.gov website lists steps for better health by age. To find out what tests are recommended for your age click here.](https://www.womenshealth.gov/health-by-age)

## Calendar

**May 7 - Heard Museum's Teacher Appreciation Night.** 4:00-8:00 p.m. Free but limited seating. For more information click [here](#).

**May 8 - ASU American Indian Convocation.** 11:00 a.m. Held at Grady Gammage Auditorium, ASU Tempe. For more information [click here](#).

**May 9-10 - Arizona Department of Education's Tribal Education Department's National Assembly (TEDNA). TEDNA Phoenix Regional Conference.** Career planning and Tribal workforce. Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale. Fee. For information click [here](#).

**June 24-26 - Heard Museum's Teacher Institute.** **Applications due May 10.** For more information click [here](#).

**May 11 - Family Empowerment Day by the Arizona Office of Indian Education.** For Native American families and students with information and activities to enrich their lives and empower them to advocate for Native American youth. Talking Stick Resort. For information contact Jaime via [email](#) or call (405) 229-3165.

**May 13-15 - 10th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit.** National Indian Health Board. Albuquerque. For more information click [here](#).

**May 15th - Mammoth Trackers, Bison Hunters, Rock Artists, and Fur Traders: Highlights of Alberta Archaeology,** Hearst Museum (UCB) 12-1pm [Archaeological Research Facility](#)

**May 15-17 - 2019 American Indian and Alaska Native National Behavioral Health Conference.** National Indian Health Board. Albuquerque. For more information click [here](#).

**May 16 - Pascua Yaqui's Mother-Daughter Tea. Held at the Itom Hiapsi Tribal Building in Guadalupe.** 6:00-9:00 p.m. For more information or to RSVP contact Vanessa at (480) 737-4670.

**May 23 - Native American Women Entrepreneurs of Arizona Work Session.** 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Tucson. For information email [them](#).

**May 30th - The Psychedelic Huichol Culture and Peyote Inspired Art,** 6:00pm Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology (UCB) Tickets required



## [EPA Releases Report Advising Communities to Prepare for Climate Change-Related Disasters](#)

*Madison Dapcevich, EcoWatch*

Dapcevich writes: "Policymakers at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a report in the Federal Register outlining how local communities should start planning for near-future catastrophes associated with climate change." [READ MORE](#)



### **Historic Season**

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's **Kierra Johnson** was named an all-American women's basket-ball player after her first season at United Tribes Technical College. Just a freshman, Johnson was also Region XIII MVP, and led her team to District F Championship, just one victory from a national tournament appearance. Johnson graduated from Spanish Springs High.

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Shout out and congrats to **JJ Nakai (Navajo)**, out of Pima CC, who officially signed with the Nevada Wolf Pack today to finish off her final two years of college basketball.

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[Elveda Martinez](#) posted
[Gypsy Williams Holman](#)



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Researchers say world's second-largest emperor penguin colony has been wiped out

Columbus brought measles to the New World. It was a disaster for Native Americans.

Modern medicine helps people who contract the measles to recover. Centuries ago, most cases ended in death.

Read in The Washington Post: <https://apple.news/AxsZwEgteSNi7fZQB1QNSQw>

Trump Gives Big Oil Green Light to Kill Whales, Dolphins, People

The administration just gutted regulations put in place to prevent another Deepwater Horizon spill, which killed 11 people and 150 whales and dolphins, and a million seabirds.

Read in Vanity Fair: <https://apple.news/AHBGa2isCSha4cRtT2KevFA>



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**Wa She Shu Casino
3rd Annual Hand Game
Tournament**

Bone Hog Tournament
Friday, May 17th
1st Place ♦ \$500
2nd & 3rd Place will split entry fees
\$40 Entry fee per team
2 Players per team
One player must be 21 to collect prize
Registration ♦ 6pm - 7pm
Start Time ♦ 8pm
Single Elimination

Wa She Shu Casino is celebrating our 3 year anniversary with special promotions, arts & crafts vendors, and a fry bread competition. For more information, please contact Amy Applegate or Joni Box at (775)499-1260

Main Tournament
Saturday, May 18th
\$5,000 PRIZE POOL
1st Place ♦ \$3,000
2nd ♦ \$1,500
3rd ♦ \$500
\$100 Entry fee per team
2 - 5 Players per team
One player must be 21 to collect prize
Registration ♦ 11am - 1pm
Start Time ♦ 2pm
Double Elimination
Entry Fees will be added to 1st - 3rd places

**May 17th & 18th
2019**

For Hand Game Tourney info, please contact Carol Snooks (775)790-0172
1003 US Hwy. 395 N.
Gardnerville, NV

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Overlooked is a series of obituaries about remarkable people whose deaths, beginning in 1851, went unreported in The Times.

**Overlooked No More:
Elizabeth Peratrovich,
Rights Advocate for
Alaska Natives**

Peratrovich and her husband rallied Natives to ensure the passage of the 1945 Anti-Discrimination Act, the first anti-discrimination law in the United States.

CreditAlaska State
Archives
By Carson Vaughan

It was hardly the first affront. They had grown up in a segregated Alaska: separate schools, hospitals,

theaters, restaurants and cemeteries. But for Elizabeth Peratrovich and her husband, Roy, Tlingit natives, the sign they spotted one day in late 1941 in Douglas, just across the channel from downtown Juneau, was the final straw.

“No Natives Allowed” read the notice on a hotel door.

“The proprietor of Douglas Inn does not seem to realize that our Native boys are just as willing as the white boys to lay down their lives to protect the freedom that he enjoys,” [they wrote in a letter to Ernest Gruening](#), the territory’s [governor](#), signaling the start of their campaign to fight discrimination in Alaska.

Calling such open bias “an outrage,” the couple continued, “We will still be here to guard our beloved country while hordes of uninterested whites will be fleeing South.”

Gruening agreed with the Peratroviches, and they joined forces. In 1943, they attempted to usher an antidiscrimination bill through Alaska's two-branch Territorial Legislature. It failed, with a tie vote of 8-8 in the House.

In the two years that followed, the Peratroviches redoubled their efforts, urging Native Alaskans to campaign for seats in the Legislature and taking their cause on the road to gain support. They even left their children in the care of an orphanage for a summer so that they could travel across the state more freely.

By the time the new bill reached the Senate floor, on Feb. 5, 1945, Congress had increased the size of the territory's Legislature, two Natives had been elected to it, and Alaska's House had already approved the bill. Though the odds of passage were high, the bill set off hours of passionate debate and drew so many onlookers that the crowd spilled out of the gallery doors.



Senator Allen Shattuck argued that the measure would “aggravate rather than allay” racial tensions.

“Who are these people, barely out of savagery, who want to associate with us whites with 5,000 years of recorded civilization behind us?” he was quoted as saying in Gruening’s 1973 [autobiography](#), “Many Battles.”

When the floor was opened to public comments, Peratrovich set down her knitting needles and rose from her seat in the back.

Taking the podium, she said: “I would not have expected that I, who am barely out of savagery, would have to remind the gentlemen with 5,000 years of recorded civilization behind them of our Bill of Rights.”

She gave examples of the injustices that she and her family had faced because of their background and called on the lawmakers to act. “You as legislators,” she said, “can assert to the world that you recognize the evil of the present situation and speak your intent to help us overcome discrimination.”

Her testimony, *The Daily Alaska Empire* wrote, shamed the opposition into a “defensive whisper.”

The gallery broke out in a “wild burst of applause,” Gruening wrote. The 1945 Anti-Discrimination Act was passed, 11-5.



Peratrovich and others on Feb. 16, 1945, with Ernest Gruening, Alaska's governor, as he signed legislation that entitled all Alaskans to "full and equal enjoyment" of public establishments. Feb. 16 is now celebrated in Alaska as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day.
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Gruening signed the bill into law on Feb. 16 — a date now celebrated by the state each year. The legislation entitled all Alaskans to “full and equal enjoyment” of public establishments, setting a

misdemeanor penalty for violators. It also banned discriminatory signage based on race.

It was the first antidiscrimination act in the United States. It would be nearly 20 years before the federal Civil Rights Act would be passed, in 1964, and 14 years before Alaska would become a state.

In 2020, the United States Mint will commemorate Peratrovich on a \$1 coin. A gallery of the Alaska House of Representatives has been named in her honor, and a bronze bust sculpted by her son Roy Jr. adorns the lobby of the State Capitol.

And yet, aside from her lauded speech, “most people know very little about her,” said Annie Boochever, whose biography, “Fighter in Velvet Gloves,” written with Roy Peratrovich Jr., was published this year.

“My mother was determined to stand her ground, but she would always do it with grace and dignity,” Roy Jr. wrote in the introduction.

She was born on July 4, 1911, in Petersburg, in what was then the District of Alaska, the daughter of a Native woman and her mother's Irish brother-in-law. The two left her in the care of the Salvation Army, and she was adopted by Andrew Wanamaker, a Presbyterian minister, and his wife, Jean, a basket weaver. Wanamaker was a charter member of the Alaska Native Brotherhood, a nonprofit organization formed to address racism.

Elizabeth grew up speaking Tlingit and English and living at a subsistence level with her parents in Sitka, a coastal city in the archipelago of southeast Alaska. When she was 10, the family moved more than 100 miles further southeast to Klawock, a Native village on Prince of Wales Island. There she met her future husband, the son of a fisherman from the Balkans, and a Tlingit woman. Though they had attended separate boarding schools, they both graduated from the public high school in Ketchikan, about 70 miles east of Klawock. The school had been integrated after a Tlingit leader successfully sued the school board.

They married in 1931 and returned to Klawock, where [Roy Peratrovich worked](#) as a policeman, a chief clerk and a postmaster. He then served as the village mayor for four terms. He was also a member and grand president of the Alaska Native Brotherhood.

Elizabeth raised their children, Roy Jr., Frank Allen and Loretta Marie. She loved to dance and enjoyed watching wrestling on television; she knew all of Gorgeous George's moves and often yelled at the screen as she watched.

“Dad just looked at me and said, ‘That’s your mother,’ ” Roy Jr. said in an interview. “We laughed.”

In 1941, the Peratroviches moved hundreds of miles north to bustling Juneau, the capital of what was by then the Alaska Territory, to play a larger role in regional politics. By the time Elizabeth was elected grand president of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, a counterpart to the Brotherhood, in 1944, Roy was leading the Brotherhood.

Together they would lay a civil rights framework for future generations, said Paulette Moreno, the Sisterhood's current grand president.

She likened their efforts to “house posts,” the often beautifully carved structures upon which a traditional Tlingit house stands. Yet, she said, “The shelter is not solid or complete because we witness discrimination and harassment in our communities today. But Elizabeth and Roy have given us role models.”

In 1954, Roy Peratrovich accepted a position with the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs and moved the family to Oklahoma. But when Elizabeth learned in 1956 that she had breast cancer, they returned to Juneau. Once her illness worsened, she entered a Christian Science care center in Seattle, where Roy Jr. was attending college.

She died on Dec. 1, 1958, at 47.

She was buried in the shade of a Sitka spruce in Juneau's Evergreen Cemetery, beside a plot reserved for her husband, [who died in 1989](#).

Every year, a groundskeeper opens the bollards that block street access to the grave for one day, on Feb. 16 — Elizabeth Peratrovich Day.

Correction: March 22, 2019

An earlier version of this obituary misstated where Peratrovich's husband's father was from. He was from the Balkans, but not from Yugoslavia, which became a nation some years after he was born. It also misstated the location of the Douglas Inn. It was in Douglas, just across the channel from downtown Juneau, not in Juneau.

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